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A True Relation of two great Battels fought betweene the Governour of *Flanders* *Don Franciſco de Melos* and the *Hollanders*, upon the 20. and 21. dayes of *April*, 1642.

WITH

The Name. of the places and Sconces which he aſſaulted, but was overthrowne by the *Hollanders*, and many thouſands of his men ſlaine.

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# A Relation of two daies fight, upon the 20. and 21. of Aprill last, between the Governor of *Flanders Don Francisco de Melos* and the *Hollanders*, 1642.

UPon the tenth day of *Aprill* the Governour of *Flanders* entred the Field with 20000 Souldiers and 5000 horse, intending to besiege *Iseldike* and the two Sconces upon the River and divided his Army into foure parts, whereof 8000 Foot and 1000 horse he committed to the command of *Don Isaacke*, Governour of *Antwerpe*, and charged him to plant his Ordnance before the West-part of the Towne, that thereby if occasion served he might have the suddener helpe from the rest of the Army, and foure thousand more before *Wats* Sconces, under the command of *Mineheere de Beit* governour of *Castile*.

before *Gravell* Sconce, under the command of *Minehære de Chairen*, a high Dutchman, and the fourth part of his Army, with foure thousand Horse, he reserved for the safegvare of his owne Person, and lying in Trenches a League from the rest of his Army, the Burgers of *Husden*, with a thousand of Soldiers, came out of the Towne, and in the Night verry fiercely compassed his Excellencies Companies, and slew neere 200. of them, and forced the rest to leave their Trenches, and upon their flight retreating backe, the *Hollanders* pursued them, and Fought two houres where 500. of both sides were slaine, insomuch that his Excellency was constrayned to flye for the safeguard of his owne person.

Vpon which retreate of his Excellencie, the the Governour of *Antwerpe* withdrew his Forces from *Foldike*, and marched towards *Gravell* Sconce, to assist *Minehære de Chairen*, and immediately upon his coming thwards *Gravell* Sconce, the Governour of *Antwerpe*, and *Minehære de Chairen*, with divers Engines and Fireballs, fealed the Walls of the Sconce, and slew most part therein, but having not men sufficient to manage the said Sconce, and being likewise Battered to the ground, his Excellencie and his Army was was constrayned to leave it as a desolate Place, then his Excellency and the Governour of *Antwerpe* marched towards *Wats* Sconce, not doubting but that they should have the like successe as at *Gravell* Sconce, but the

*Hollander*

Hollander had fortified it too strong with Ordnance, and after one houres Fight, the Sconce forced his Excellency and the Governour of *Antwerpe* to leave their intended enterprize, and afterwards the whole Body meeting, they marched towards *Breda*, the Governour of *Breda* having intelligence of his Excellencies comming towards the Towne, forthwith commaned the Drummes to beate up, thereby proclayming and cgarging the Burgers and Souldiers that were in the Towne, to be in a readinesse against his Excelencies comming, which was neere upon Five thousand Burgers and Souldiers, besides Five hundred of Horse.

Then his Excellencies Army marching neere *Breda* was interrcepted, and his passage stop't, and almost a whole day kept them in fight with Musketiers, onely at length there was a fresh supply of the *Hollanders* neere upon ten thousand more which came from the *Busse*, and they placed themselves in the reare of his Excellencies Army between *Macklin* and *Bridges*, and the Breda Burgers and Souldiers in the Front, wheae on the morning as soone as the day appeared, they had a great skirmish, and tooke divers great Persons prisoners, whereof the Governour of *Castile* was one, and slew neere upon six thousand of Horse and Foote, and forced the rest to flye, and for their more nimblenesse of body they threw downe their Armes, and the *Hollanders* following them so close, that they drived his Excellency and his Army al-

when light there was not above sixe or seaven hundred of the *Hollanders* slaine, besides the spoyle the Governour *Antwerpe* and *Mine-hare de Chaires* made before *Gravell-Sconce*.

The Irish who have beene ever true to the King of *Spaine* in these parts of *Flanders* and *Artoy's* have most part of them ranne from their Colours, and it is supposed they are fled for *Ireland*.

There hath beene in these Countries ever since the Earle of *Tyrone* his flight out of *Ireland* in Queene *Elizabeths* time neere upon ten thousand of *Irish* Souldiers, and now in all *Flanders* and *Artoy's* there cannot be mustered one thousand, which yet hath beene a great weakening to the Country.

It is supposed his Excellencie hath left with the *Hollander*, for this Sommer, and intendeth to draw most part of his Forces towards *Arras*.

*Cambray.*
*Doway.*
*Betoone.*
*Aires.*
St. *Thomas Newport.*
*Castile.*
*Graveling.*
*Ostend.*
and *Dunkirke.*

And

And unto many other petty Dorpes in *Ortoys*, among the *Walloones*, in all theſe Towns his Excellency hath diſplaced his Governours, being great Lord-, *Walloones* in the Country, and put in their Roomes Spaniards to be Governours thereof, for it is ſuppoſed all the *Walloons* in *Ortoys* had rather be under the ſubiection of the French King, then the Spaniard, in regard of the heavie taxes he impoſes upon the Country towards the maintenance of his Army.

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